

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
Claiborne State Office Building, North Dakota Room, 1-155  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The February 6, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Ms. Katie Barras of the Department of Education. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Anna Arkin-Gallagher, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Ms. Brenda Cosse', Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Liz Gary , Mr. Larry Gage, Ms. Sarah Omojola, Mr. Michael Ortego , Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Caroline Roemer(arrived late), Mr. Rob Schlicher, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Debra Weinberg. Mr. Michael Faulk attended as a proxy for Mr. Scott Richard.

Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Ms. Christina Conforto, Ms. Gina Easterly, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Cyndy Rutherford, and Judge Kim Stansbury were absent.

Public comments were received from Mr. Frank Pasqua, Ms. Debbie Schum, Ms. Cynthia Posey and Ms. Kathy Edmonston.

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- 1 A motion was made by Mr. Prudhomme to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Gage seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved without objection.

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- 2 Mr. Prudhomme moved to nominate Mr. Schlicher for chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gage. Mr. Schlicher accepted the nomination.
- 3 Ms. Comeaux moved to nominate Mr. Fleming for chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Achord. Mr. Fleming accepted the nomination.
- 4 A motion was made by Mr. Simmons to close nominations for chair and seconded by Mr. Gage. The motion was approved without objection.

A roll call vote for chair of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was taken. Members who voted for Mr. Schlicher: Ms. Barras, Mr. Gage, Ms. Omojola, Mr. Prudhomme and Mr. Simmons.

Members who voted for Mr. Fleming: Ms. Achord, Ms. Arkin-Gallagher, Ms. Comeaux, Ms. Cosse', Ms. Gary, Mr. Ortego, and Ms. Weinberg.

Members who abstained from voting: Mr. Fleming and Mr. Schlicher

Mr. Fleming received 7 votes and Mr. Schlicher received 5 votes. Mr. Fleming is the new chair of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline.

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Mr. Fleming facilitated a discussion with the council on the draft recommendations regarding revisions to Revised Statute 17:416.

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- 5 Mr. Gage moved to consider the revised statute draft recommendations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gary and all approved without objection.

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- 6 Ms. Omojola moved to endorse the proposed revisions to R.S. 17:416 and to authorize the chair, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education staff, to transmit the proposed changes to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ortego and a roll call vote was taken.

[Proposed revisions to R.S. 17:416](#) as presented to BESE Academic Goals and Instructional Improvement Committee on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Members voting to approve the proposed revision to Revised Statute 17:416 and to authorize the chair, in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education staff, to transmit the proposed changes to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education include: Ms. Achord, Ms. Arkin-Gallagher, Ms. Barras, Ms. Comeaux, Ms. Cosse', Mr. Fleming, Mr. Gage, Ms. Gary, Ms. Omojola, Mr. Ortego, Mr. Prudhomme, Ms. Roemer, Mr. Schlicher, Mr. Simmons, Ms. Weinberg.

There were no votes against the motion and there were no abstentions. The motion was approved without objection.

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Ms. Barras presented a summary review of proposed changes to BESE Bulletin 131 regarding Alternative Education.

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- 7 A motion to receive the summary of proposed changes to BESE Bulletin 131 regarding alternative education was made by Mr. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Gage. The motion was approved without objection.

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- 8 With no further business, Ms. Weinberg moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons. All approved without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.